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**Re: 5TH NORTH MAINS [BLIND CANYON SEAM]: 2ND PHASE OF MINE
ENTRY SEALING FOR THE AREA "INBY" XC#11+50; DEER CREEK
MINE; HUNTINGTON, UTAH.**

Mr. Kohler:

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Interwest Mining Company ("Interwest") as managing agent and Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby provides written confirmation to the BLM Authorized Officer [in accordance with 43 CFR 3484.1 (c) (7)] regarding equipment and material recovery / abandonment, hazardous material inspection / documentation and final entry sealing for the portion of the Deer Creek Mine in the area of the 5th North Mains [Blind Canyon Seam] "inby" XC#11+50; included within Federal Coal Leases U-06039 Tract #1 and Tract #2, U-024317, SL-051221 and U-2810.

With the completion of the 8th East longwall panel in early December / 2001, Energy West Mining Company began mine recovery and preparations for the 1st Phase of entry sealing of the 5th North panel block [Blind Canyon Seam] at the Deer Creek Mine. On January 22, 2002, prior to sealing operations, a joint (BLM / EW) on-site Hazardous Material Inspection was conducted within the affected area comprising the 5th North Mains "inby" XC#23, the 10th East gate roads "inby" XC#5, the 9th East gate roads "inby" XC#6 and the 8th East gate roads "inby" XC#5. Actual seal construction was completed prior to start-up of the 5th Right longwall panel in early February / 2002.

Please find attached a general arrangement area drawing regarding the area of reference together with existing seal locations and proposed seal locations.

In conjunction with the proposed 2nd Phase of mine entry sealing for the area of the 5th North Mains "inby" XC#11+50 [Blind Canyon Seam] a joint (BLM / EW) on-site Hazardous Material Inspection was conducted on 12/09/02. The area(s) inspected consisted of the 5th North Main entries ("inby" XC#11+50), the 10th East neck-off area, the 9th East Sub-Main

entries (et al), the 9th East neck-off area and the 8th East neck-off area [Falk, BLM; Demczak, DOGM; Fleck, EW]. The on-site inspection is part of a routine procedure used by the overseeing governmental agencies to identify materials that may need to be removed / recovered from or abandoned within the underground workings prior to final sealing operations.

During the referenced inspection, no hazardous waste or unacceptable materials proposed for abandonment were encountered. At the time of the inspection recovery efforts and seal construction was in progress. Please find attached a complete listing and status of equipment and materials that were inventoried within the affected area. Please also find attached a site specific area map of the referenced area specifying the location(s) of equipment and materials to be recovered and/or abandoned.

Site recovery included, but was not limited to, removal of the majority of the in-place conveyor drive equipment, conveyor belt and structure, mine power feeder cable, monitoring cables, sensors, etc. Recovery exceptions are to include installed primary and secondary roof / rib support materials, in place water and discharge pipelines, communication and control cables and general / miscellaneous mine supplies and/or hardware items. Abandoned longwall pan line sections and Bretby cable handling system have already been addressed in previous documentation to the Authorized Officer.

The materials and equipment items identified for in-place abandonment have minimal commercial value due to present service condition and are evaluated to not be reasonable or economical to recover. The decision to abandon materials in-place is made with full consideration to the absence of any short term or long term effect to present and/or future underground or surface resources and/or operations. As discussed above, prior to final site sealing a joint environmental audit was conducted of the applicable underground workings by the governmental agency [BLM / DOGM] and Energy West to evaluate, verify and document in-place material and equipment items proposed for recovery and/or abandonment.

PacifiCorp submits that the proposed sealing and abandonment is in compliance with the terms, conditions and stipulations of the referenced leases. In support of this project, Energy West submits that the following conditions have been fully satisfied:

- (1) All practical and economically recoverable coal reserves have been mined from this area in accordance with the approved R2P2 and it's subsequent minor modifications.
- (2) All associated mining equipment/machinery and materials have been recovered from this area with the exceptions of some mine materials as referenced in this document.

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(3) A complete underground environmental audit of this area has been conducted on December 9, 2002. Representatives of the BLM, DOGM and Energy West conducted and documented a full site audit of the referenced area where no hazardous waste or unacceptable proposed abandoned materials were observed.

(4) Final recovery and sealing of the 5th North and 9th East Sub-Main area of the Deer Creek Mine [Blind Canyon seam] will be completed by the end of December 2002. Energy West would like to thank the Price BLM Field Office and BLM / DOGM inspectors for collaborating with Energy West in conducting such a timely review and site inspection of the 5th North area. This type of agency / industry coordination and cooperation will allow Energy West to complete the project on schedule.

With the information and detail submitted, it is anticipated that a timely review and approval can be granted. If there are any questions, please contact Carl Pollastro at (435) 687-4701 or Larry LaFrentz at (435) 687 - 6626.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENTS:

Enclosure #1: DEER CREEK MINE 5TH NORTH SEALS; EQUIPMENT / MATERIAL
INVENTORY DRAWING; DWG. # 5thNoSealsx11.5; DATED 12/02/02;
SHEET 1 OF 1.

Enclosure #2: LIST OF MATERIAL / EQUIPMENT (AS OF 12/04/02)

Enclosure #3: LIST OF MATERIAL / EQUIPMENT (AS OF 12/18/02)

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MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT TO BE RECOVERED

Before sealing 5th North (as of 12/04/02)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>RECOVER/LEAVE</u>
13 HP Pump	8 th E. xc4.5, #2 entry	Recover
5 HP pump	8 th E. xc 4.5, #1 entry	Recover
2 circuit D. Box	8 th E. xc 2, #2 entry	Recover
Oxy/Acet Bottles/Torches	9 th E. Sub-Mains, xc 20, #2 entry	Recover
13 HP pump	9 th E. Sub-Mains, xc 12.5, #3 entry	Recover
High Voltage Cables (4ea)	9 th E. Sub, xc9, #1 to #3 entries	Recover
Emulsion hoses (large)	9 th E. Sub, xc9, #1 to #3 entries	Recover
6" Scalair pipe	9 th E. Sub, x7 - 20, #3 entry	Recover
2 ckt. D. Box	9 th East, xc 2.5, #2 entry	Recover
2 ½ Rolls of 48" Belt	9 th East, xc 3, #2 entry	Recover
8 ckt. D. Box	9 th E. Sub xc 9, #3 entry	Recover
Super Screeder	9 th E. Sub xc 7, #3 entry	Recover
5 HP pump	9 th E. Sub xc 1, #3 entry	Recover
Transformer	9 th E. Sub xc 1, #3 entry	Recover
High Voltage Cable	5 th No. x18, #2 to xc11, #4	Recover
922 Forks, Tub of belt chains	5 th No. xc 13, belt entry	Recover
5 HP Pump	5 th No. xc 17.5, #2 entry	Recover
High Voltage	5 th No. xc 11-14, #4 entry	Recover
SCSRs in Action Packer	5 th No. xc 21, #4 entry	Recover
½ pallet omega & ½ pallet bond	9 th E. Sub xc 18, #3 entry	Leave
¾ pallet crib	9 th E. Sub xc 15, #4 entry	Recover
Pallet of caps/wedges	9 th E. Sub xc 14, #4 entry	Recover
60mm emul. & return	9 th E. xc 0-5, #2 entry	Leave
48" structure & pipe	9 th E. xc 1.5 - 6, #1 entry	Leave
6" Poly pipe	9 th E. xc 1- 5, #2 entry	Recover
Old toolbox(junk) & trailer	9 th E. Sub xc2, #3 entry	Leave
Transfer Chutes	8 th & 9 th East Headroller	Leave
1 length Structure	8 th East Headroller	Leave
½ roll 48" belt	9 th E. Sub xc 15, #4 entry	Leave
Junk piece of belt	9 th E. Sub xc 14, #4 entry	Leave
Junk structure & old bolt racks	9 th E. Sub xc 5, #3 entry	Leave
60" structure & pipe (150')	9 th E. Sub xc 0-2, belt entry	Leave
Trash pieces of belt (100')	5 th No. xc 12 & 13, #3 & #4 entries	Leave
Trash belt	10 th East xc 2, #4 entry	Leave
BretBee with hose & cable (500')	10 th East xc 0 - 4 , #3 entry	Leave
AFC Pan	10 th E. x4, 5 No. x 16, 19, 20, 21	Leave

5th North Seals - Material Recovery

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOUND ON TOUR WITH BLM/DOGM: (MENTIONED FOR RECOVERY)

Pump/controller/extinguisher	9 th E. xc 6 #2 seal.
Fire Extinguishers	All pump & electrical installations
Mine Phone/Battery	9 th E. x 1 ½ #3 entry
	All Locations
B.O. 5 hp pump	9 th E. xc 0.5 #1 entry
5 hp pump (running)	9 th E. Sub xc 7 #1 entry
13 hp pump (running)	9 th E. Sub xc 1 #1 entry
Trash can full of rags & aerosol cans.	9 th E. Sub. xc 9 between int. & belt entries
Trash can with phone battery in it.	10 th E. xc 2.5 #2 entry
2 full tubs of mine sealant & mine phone	5 th No. xc 22, #4 entry.

Noted but not needing recovering:

6" culvert	9 th E. Sub xc 17 #1 to #3 entry
12" culverts	Notches to the right of 9 th E. Sub. intake road
1 new roll brattice & 20-30 bags of Packsetter grout.	10 th E. xc 3 ½ #2 entry

5TH NORTH / 9TH EAST SUB-MAIN MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT STATUS
5TH NORTH BLIND CANYON SEALING PROJECT
(AS OF 12/18/02 AM)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>RECOVER / ABANDONED</u>
13 HP Pump	8 th E. xc4.5, #2 entry	Recovered
5 HP pump	8 th E. xc 4.5, #1 entry	Recovered
2 circuit D. Box	8 th E. xc 2, #2 entry	Recovered
Oxy/Acet Bottles/Torches	9 th E. Sub-Mains, xc 20, #2 entry	Recovered
13 HP pump	9 th E. Sub-Mains, xc 12.5, #3 entry	Recovered
High Voltage Cables (4ea)	9 th E. Sub, xc9, #1 to #3 entries	Recovered
Emulsion hoses (large)	9 th E. Sub, xc9, #1 to #3 entries	Recovered
6" Scalair pipe	9 th E. Sub, x7 - 20, #3 entry	Recovered
2 ckt. D. Box	9 th East, xc 2.5, #2 entry	Recovered
2 ½ Rolls of 48" Belt	9 th East, xc 3, #2 entry	Recovered
8 ckt. D. Box	9 th E. Sub xc 9, #3 entry	Recovered
Super Screeder	9 th E. Sub xc 7, #3 entry	Recovered
5 HP pump	9 th E. Sub xc 1, #3 entry	Recovered
Transformer	9 th E. Sub xc 1, #3 entry	Recovered
High Voltage Cable	5 th No. x18, #2 to xc11, #4	Abandoned
922 Forks, Tub of belt chains	5 th No. xc 13, belt entry	Recovered
5 HP Pump	5 th No. xc 17.5, #2 entry	Recovered
High Voltage	5 th No. xc 11-14, #4 entry	Recovered
SCSRs in Action Packer	5 th No. xc 21, #4 entry	Recovered
½ pallet omega block	9 th E. Sub xc 18, #3 entry	Abandoned
½ pallet bond mix	9 th E. Sub xc 18, #3 entry	Abandoned
¾ pallet crib	9 th E. Sub xc 15, #4 entry	Recovered
Pallet of caps/wedges	9 th E. Sub xc 14, #4 entry	Recovered
60mm emul. & return	9 th E. xc 0-5, #2 entry	Abandoned
48" structure & pipe	9 th E. xc 1.5 - 6, #1 entry	Abandoned
6" Poly pipe	9 th E. xc 1- 5, #2 entry	Recovered
Old toolbox(junk) & trailer	9 th E. Sub xc2, #3 entry	Abandoned
Transfer Chutes	8 th & 9 th East Headroller	Abandoned
1 length Structure	8 th East Headroller	Abandoned
½ roll 48" belt	9 th E. Sub xc 15, #4 entry	Abandoned
Junk piece of belt	9 th E. Sub xc 14, #4 entry	Abandoned
Junk structure & old bolt racks	9 th E. Sub xc 5, #3 entry	Abandoned
60" structure & pipe (150')	9 th E. Sub xc 0-2, belt entry	Abandoned
Trash pieces of belt (100')	5 th No. xc 12 & 13, #3 & #4 entries	Abandoned
Trash belt	10 th East xc 2, #4 entry	Abandoned
Bretby with hose & cable (500')	10 th East xc 0 - 4 , #3 entry	Abandoned
AFC Pan	10 th E. x4, 5 No. x 16, 19, 20, 21	Abandoned

5th North Seals - Material Recovery

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOUND ON BLM/DOGM ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT [12/09/02]: (MENTIONED FOR RECOVERY)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>RECOVER / ABANDONED</u>
Pump/controller/extinguisher	9 th E. xc 6 #2 seal.	Recovered
Fire Extinguishers	All pump & electrical installations	Recovered
Mine Phone/Battery	9 th E. x 1 ½ #3 entry	Recovered
B.O. 5 hp pump	9 th E. xc 0.5 #1 entry	Recovered
5 hp pump (running)	9 th E. Sub xc 7 #1 entry	Recovered
13 hp pump (running)	9 th E. Sub xc 1 #1 entry	Recovered
Trash can full of rags & aerosol cans.	9 th E Sub xc 9 between int. & belt entries	Removed
Trash can with phone battery in it.	10 th E. xc 2.5 #2 entry	Removed
2 full tubs of mine sealant & mine phone	5 th No. xc 22, #4 entry.	Recovered

Other noted materials:

6" culvert	9 th E. Sub xc 17 #1 to #3 entry	Recovered
12" culverts	Notches to the right of 9 th E. Sub. Intake road	Recovered
1 new roll brattice & 20-30 bags of Packsetter grout.	10 th E. xc 3 ½ #2 entry	Recovered